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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

APPLICANT:	Bastiaens, et al.)	
SERIAL NUMBER:	09/683,002)	GROUP ART UNIT:
)	1713
FILED:	November 7, 2001)	
FOR:	CONDUCTIVE POLYPHENYLENE ETHER-POLYAMIDE COMPOSITION, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF, AND ARTICLE DERIVED THEREFROM)	EXAMINER: R.A. Lee

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.131

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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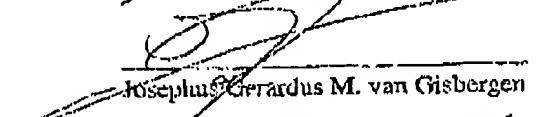
The inventors of the above-referenced application declare and say:

1. We, Jozef Herman Peter Bastiaens, Gerardus Johannes Cornelis Doggen and Josephus Gerardus M. van Gisbergen, declare and say that we are inventors in the above-referenced application (Athe >002 application@).
2. We have read and are familiar with the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, and United States Patent Application No. 2001/0031831 published on October 18, 2001.
3. We conceived in the Netherlands, a WTO member country, the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to October 18, 2001 and then diligently reduced the invention to practice prior to October 18, 2001.

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4. As evidence in support of this prior conception and reduction to practice, submitted herewith is the following evidence. The Exhibit is a copy of a page from an invention disclosure letter showing the results of compounding and testing of three compositions. Exp. 3 is embraced by the claims of the above-identified patent application. Control 1 and 2 corresponds to Comparative Examples 1 and 2 of the pending application. Exp. 3 corresponds to Example 1 of the pending application. The date requested and the date compounded are both prior to October 18, 2001. In other words, Exp. 3 was designed and compounded prior to October 18, 2001. Therefore, conception and actual reduction to practice of the invention occurred prior to the October 18, 2001 publication date of the United States Patent Application No. 2001/0031831.

5. We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent resulting therefrom.

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